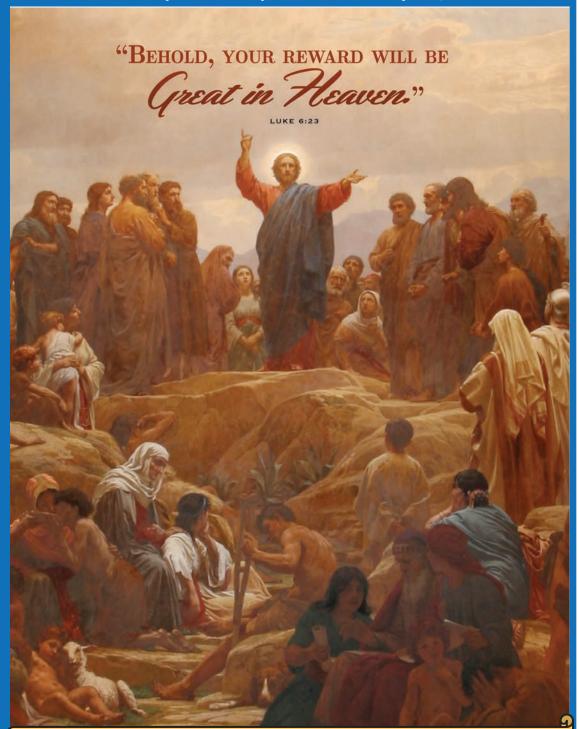
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A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

It is very easy for us to only rely on ourselves. Our world today tells us that if we can do it alone we have succeeded, if not we have failed. Isaiah and Peter both show us the opposite; that we fail if we try to do it alone and we succeed if we do it with God. Each of us is called to follow in the footsteps of Isaiah and the apostles.

Each one of us is called to carry out the will of God and to bring the Good News to all we meet. It may seem to be a difficult, even insurmountable task, yet if we say from our hearts "Here I am Lord" and place our trust in Christ as Peter does in the Gospel, then we can and will succeed in doing all that God asks of us.

Peace Fr. Mike





Introduction: Given the reinstatement by the Bishops of New Jersey of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and the lessening of restrictions from the state, the following is provided as an update to the May 25 COVID-19 directives.

STILL IN EFFECT: Masks will no longer be required for fully vaccinated persons. If not fully vaccinated, persons are strongly encouraged to follow CDC guidance and wear a face mask in public settings. Masks are still required on public transit and in health care settings, prisons, child-care facilities and schools, among other places. People will no longer be required to socially distance indoors or outdoors, although unvaccinated persons should continue to maintain a safe distance from others. These directives apply to all indoor and outdoor events.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: All ministries may return to full service – altar servers, lectors, ushers, greeters and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Masks are no longer required for all vaccinated ministers, including those distributing Communion (Priests, Deacons, and EMs). However, masks may be worn for those who prefer to wear one during the liturgy.

COMMUNION: While Communion on the tongue is now permitted, for the safety of the priests, ministers and other communicants, we encourage continued reception of communion in the hand. At this time, Communion from the cup should not be distributed to the assembly.

SANITIZING: The cleaning and sanitizing of churches and common spaces should be done regularly. It is not required after every liturgy.

SIGN OF PEACE: The invitation to share the Sign of Peace should continue. Parishioners could be reminded that it is not required to touch during the sign of peace.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Ushers may take up the collection at the proper time or baskets may be placed at the entrance of the church for the collection. (Beginning July 17, 2021)

BAPTISMAL FONTS: Baptismal fonts and holy water receptacles may be filled.

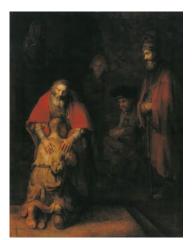
MUSIC: Vaccinated music ministers (cantors, choirs, etc.) do not require masks or shields. Music ministers who are not vaccinated should wear a mask. All musical instruments are permitted. Hymnals are now permitted.

PARISH MEETINGS: Parish meetings in person may resume. Those vaccinated are not required to wear masks for indoor meetings nor are they required to maintain social distancing. The same recommendations for Mass apply to those not vaccinated.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: The procession to present the gifts of bread and wine and the collection can be resumed. (Beginning July 17, 2021)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Schedule for Mass & Worship (schedules are subject to change)

Saturday (Anticipated) 5:00 pm Sundays - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon Weekdays & Saturdays - 7:00 am and 8:30 am National Holidays - 9:00 am Holy Days - 7:00 am, 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm Morning Prayer - Monday - Saturday at 8:15 am Rosary: Monday - Saturday after 8:30 am Mass Novena to the Miraculous Medal & St. Jude: Saturdays after 8:30 am Mass Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15 - 4:45 pm



A Lenten Seminar Series

The Return of the Prodigal Son

The Rembrandt painting of *The Prodigal Son* reflects the story so well known by us. Through the themes of sin, forgiveness, mercy and reconciliation we are invited to be loved like the son and to love as the father. God's eternal love for us is the ultimate revelation of this parable and all of scripture.

This 5 week Lenten series begins Monday, March 14th at 7:15 pm until 8:15 pm on **Zoom**. It continues through Mondays March 21 and 28. Also April 4 and 11.

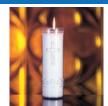
Please contact me at <u>FrRob@ihmparish.net</u> when you are interested. The book we shall use is *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen. Please purchase the hardcover edition on Amazon. There is a link at our homepage at www.ihmparish.net

Intentions

For the week of February 6th - February 13th, 2022

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Saturday February 5	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Edward Tomaszewicz+ William Harris+ George & Mary Good+	By Al Smith By Mary & Jerry Mahony By Janice Good Piga & Bob Piga
Sunday February 6	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	For the People Charles & Frances Takacs Wedding Anniversary+ William C Walter+	By The Parish By Barbara Apgar By Mr & Mrs Edward Kalaigian
Monday	7:00 am	Sylvia Keogh+	By Colm & Geraldine Keogh
February 7	8:30 am	John P Reilly+	By John & Tracey Foley
Tuesday	7:00 am	Alfred Chiapetta+	By The Chimento Family
February 8	8:30 am	Cathy & Bill Hinchak (living)	By Sr Margaret Hinchak
Wednesday	7:00 am	For those living in poverty	By The Parish
February 9	8:30 am	Adeline Collins+	By The Collins Family
Thursday	7:00 am	Lorena Laverve (living)	By RoseMarie DiStefano
February 10	8:30 am	Ed Clancy+	By Kevin & Celie Coughlan
Friday	7:00 am	Paul DeMarco+	By IHM Alpha Core Team
February 11	8:30 am	Ed Clancy+	By Dorothy Foulks
Saturday February 12	7:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Nancy Bonicioli+ Angela Kiriakou+ Stephen Gawryluk+	By The Howard Family By Bernie Beck By Charles Barcellona
Sunday February 13	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Bielawski Family+ Gregory Francis Ruppert Birthday (living) For the People	By Mary Young By Barbara Apgar By The Parish

Special Intentions for the week of February 6th - February 13th, 2022



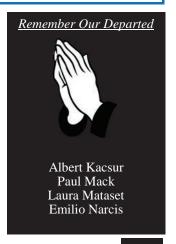
Sanctuary Light For the intention of: Juliette Lewis+ Requested by The Lewis Family



The Altar Bread & Wine For the celebration of: The Entire IHM Family Requested by The Parish



Flowers for the Blessed Mother In memory of: Marie Dambrauskas+ Requested by Barbara & Joe Mrozek



Remember Our Sick Mary Calabrese John Allen Rose Badala George Becker Larry Biunno Fran Boglioli Erin Brennan Samantha Bridge James Brown Kevin Brown John Burkert

Anna Cassella Paul Cassidy Matthew Cassio Frank Chimento Edward Clark William Consovoy Anna Koch Colm Cosgrove Ray Clark Albert Fischer, Jr. Phillis Fischer

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The IHM Women's Prayer Group will meet via Zoom on Thursday, March 3rd at 7:30 pm. Our theme will be "Esther & the Feast of Purim". All women are welcome to join! Please email Tracey Foley at tefoleyihm@gmail.com if you want to join. Prayer connects us all!



Men's Scripture & Discussion Group "Live" in-person meeting will gather on Saturday, February 12 at 7:30 am in the church basement. (Donuts & Coffee will be served) Contact David Diken at dndiken@aol.com for more information.



Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Thursday mornings at 9:30 am on Zoom

Centering Prayer is a Contemplative method of Prayer, also known as The Prayer of the Heart or The Prayer of Quiet. It helps you to deepen your Personal Relationship with the Lord. It consists of Lectio Divina, Reflection, Sharing and Meditation. You LISTEN to the Stirrings of the Holy Spirit deep within your Heart and Soul. Words do not matter as much as the SPIRIT in which you pray them. This is a way of LISTENING and DISCERNING with the "EYES OF YOUR HEART"

"BE STILL AND KNOW, I AM GOD"

Experience this method of Prayer. We meet on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am on Zoom. Please call Phyllis at 908-264-7456 for information and the Zoom link.



WEEKLY PEARL OF WISDOM

"So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12

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SAVE THE DATE March 11+ March 12 **MEN'S** CORNERSTONE

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Look for clues in the *Breaking Bread 2022* book page 69

The IHM Food Pantry Needs Donations!



Items needed include non-perishable food items, personal toiletry items and baby products. Please bring your donations to the back of the church. Place the items in the red bins near the backdoors. You may also drop donations off at the Nazareth Center. For a list of acceptable items visit ihmparish.net/food-pantry.

Families of Faith February Gathering **Sun. February 6** | 8:45 - 9:30 am | Zoom



8th Grade Confirmation Prep Session 4 Mon. February 7 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm | Nazareth Center

9th Grade Confirmation Prep Pre-Lent Gathering **Sat. February 12** | 4:30 - 7:30 pm | Nazareth Center

Bus Trip to Cathedral

Sun. February 13 | Bus leaves IHM Parking Lot 11:00am

Minister Assignments - February 12 - 13					
Saturday /Sunday	Lectors	Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Presider		
5:00pm	Jim Brennan	- Dan Kelly - Chris Zucosky	Fr. Val		
8:00am	Rich Banasiak	- Anne Gibbons - Chris Dill	Fr. Val		
10:00am	Andy Davis	- Dave Diken - Heba Fortunato	Fr. Rob		
12:00pm	Regina O'Connor	- Eileen Naugle - Jean Naugle	Fr. Mike		



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours Monday - Friday 9:00am - 9:00pm

Saturday - 9:00am - 2:00pm Closed on Sundays. Holy Days & Holidays

For more information contact Erin Miller at: erins310@gmail.com | 908-531-0128

IHM PARISH INFORMATION

► IHM Office is closed to the public until further notice...

Mass Intention Reservations: Call or leave a message at the office (908)889-2100 or email office@ihmparish.net

Religious Education: faithformation@ihmparish.net

Baptisms: Please call the office at (908) 889-2100

Marriage: Appointments should be made at least one year in advance. Contact the priest about a date and Pre-Cana information.

New Parishioners: Registration forms available at www.ihmparish.net or in the Nazareth Center office.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound: Please notify the parish office of those who are sick or homebound, in hospitals or are unable to worship. For urgent calls, contact (908) 889-2100

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: Religious education for adults who are either not Baptized or who are Catholic, but have not received all of their sacraments and would like to be Confirmed or receive Communion. We have flexible hours. Call (908) 889-2100. All are welcome!

Reconciliation: Saturdays: 4:15 - 4:45 pm Arrangements can be made at any time for private confession. Please call the office at (908) 889-2100

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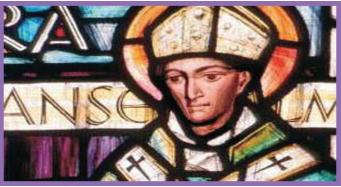
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Rosary Altar Society News



Let us begin with a quote from St. Anselm of Canterbury, "I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but rather I believe in order that I may understand."

- 1. I want to thank Phyllis Manno for her time in preparing and her presentation of this terrific retreat on "Forgiveness" and for all those who participated in this inspirational event. Who doesn't need Forgiveness? Again, special thanks to Father Mike for his knowledge of technical support.
- 2. We are asking for your voice in nominations for the 2022-24 term of officers to guide our organization during these times. Pray with the Holy Spirit to guide you. The deadline is this week, February 10th, so please be sure to mail back your postcard. If there's more than one nominee for a position, you will receive a ballot later this month. Thank you.
- 3. San Alfonso Women's Retreat is **March 4-6th** and the theme is "Real Presence: Gift of God and Blessing to One Another." This Retreat will invite us into a deeper awareness of the grace and power of real presence-with God, with ourselves, with others and with all creation. For more information contact Chris Haight, chairwoman, at 908-322-6462.
- 4. Please pray for the success of the Men's Corner Stone. Remember how important the corner stone is in the structure of a building! Without it the building will not stand!
- 5. REMEMBER WE ARE THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY. So please call Betty Perfilio at 908-889-4868 or Erin Miller at 908-531-0128 to help with the washing and ironing of our Altar Linens.
- 6. Members of the Rosary Altar Society Executive Board please mark your calendar for a meeting on February 15th in the Nazareth Center at 11:30am. Thank you.
- 7. Do you have an hour to spend with Our Lord at the Adoration Chapel? Please check your schedule and call Erin Miller at 908-531-0128. We are in need of your help!

The final quote is from St. Teresa of Calcutta, that refers to #7. "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth."

We are still praying for you, our parish and the world! Thank you. God Bless! MaryJane

Collection Report	January 30, 2022				
Weekly Budget Need:	\$11,300.00				
Collection:	\$5,333.00				
Parish Giving:	\$2,409.09				
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,557.91)				
Fiscal Year to Date:					
Budget	\$350,300.00				
Actual:	\$316,373.00				
Surplus/(Deficit)	(33,927.00)				
Rolling 4 Week Averages:					
Average Collection:	\$ 9,068.01				
Average Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,231.99)				



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Annual Appeal Pledged to Date: \$13,270.00

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Charitable Contribution Forms for 2021

- Collection Envelopes: If you are using envelopes for your Sunday collection contribution, you should receive a form from our envelope company soon.
- Capital Campaign: Any cash or check contribution to our "Praise for the Past...Building for the Future" the acknowledgment letter was sent last week.
- Parish Giving: You will be able to print a contribution history activity form for all electronic fund transfer contributions through Parish Giving by visiting your account at www.parishgiving.org

Contact Tracey Foley at 908-889-2100 if you need help.



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- ☐ Assist the presiding Priest.

There is not a long term commitment. Please leave a phone number or e-mail and we will set up a meeting. Fr. Mike will host a training session soon. Thank you for your help and consideration!

- Emil Manfredonia

IHM EVENT CALENDER

Sunday February 6

8:45 am Families of Faith February Gathering 9:00 am Holy Name Society Meeting & Breakfast

Monday February 7

7:00 PM 8th Grade Confirmation Session 4 7:15 pm St. John of the Cross Zoom

Tuesday February 8

7:30 pm Alpha

Wednesday February 9

10:00 am Food Pantry 8:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday February 10

8:45 am Union Catholic Day of Recollection 9:30 am Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Zoom 7:30 pm Synod Listening Session Zoom

Friday February 11

Saturday February 12

7:30 am Men's Scripture & Discussion Group LIVE 4:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Pre-Lent Gathering

Sunday February 13

10:00 am Food Pantry

11:00 am Families of Faith Bus Trip to Cathedral



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